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**Encino Doctor Awaiting Trial In Unlawful Prescription Case
Arrested on New Charges**

A 69-year-old Encino physician awaiting trial for prescribing various narcotic drugs without a legitimate medical need has been arrested and charged in a new case, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Dr. Yahya Hedvat, who runs an Encino medical clinic called "Urgent Care," was arrested Wednesday on a warrant charging him with one count of sale of a controlled substance, hydrocodone. He is being held on \$1 million bail.

Deputy District Attorneys John Niedermann and Emily Street with the Major Narcotics Division are prosecuting both cases.

Hedvat (dob 8/04/45) was scheduled to start trial in two weeks on a 10-count Grand Jury indictment charging him with unlawfully prescribing a controlled substance, including hydrocodone, suboxone and clonazepam.

Hedvat, who had been released on his own recognizance pending the start of that trial, had voluntarily surrendered his DEA license to prescribe controlled substances.

The new complaint alleges that on Aug. 8, an undercover operator with the California Medical Board went into Hedvat's clinic and negotiated the purchase of additional narcotics from the physician, including Norco and Ativan.

Prosecutors said undercover agents purchased the drugs from Hedvat's office assistant, Nikravan Hormuz, in the clinic's parking lot.

Hormuz (dob 3/31/44) was arrested today in court on the warrant charging him with the same felony count of selling a controlled substance. He is awaiting arraignment this afternoon at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA428107. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$30,000.

Hedvat is scheduled to be arraigned on Aug. 18, at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA428107.

If convicted as charged in both cases, Hedvat faces up to 14 years, eight months in county jail.

Hormuz faces up to five years in county jail if convicted.

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